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In re Application of:)
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HAVING A PLURALITY OF SHEET :
STACKING MEANS)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
AND SUBMISSION OF SUBSTITUTE SPECIFICATION

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be amended in the following manner:

IN THE TITLE:

Please amend the title to read as follows:

--IMAGE FORMING METHOD WITH STACKING CONTROL

~~APPARATUS HAVING A PLURALITY OF SHEET STACKING MEANS--.~~